



The Kyrgyz Republic

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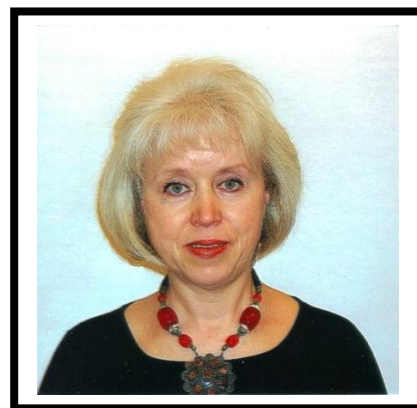
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About Consul Goncharova

In 1992, Consul Goncharova began working in the field of inter-country adoptions and child protection issues, with the governments of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bulgaria, China, India, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Romania, Thailand and Ukraine. In 1997 she relocated to the Seattle area and continued her international work on behalf of children. In recognition of this effort, she was awarded the "Badge of Mercy and Philanthropy" by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation in 2004.

Since 2005, Consul Goncharova has been involved in the development of business and tourism connections between the Pacific Northwest and the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and was appointed in March of 2013 to the position of Honorary Consul General in the Pacific Northwest. She and her husband Richard Klein, former Washington State Trade Office Director in the Russian Far East, have also been active in supporting international programs geared towards building community connections between Washington State and other countries.



Consul Goncharova was raised in Novosibirsk, the capitol of Russian Siberia, and graduated with a Masters in Linguistics Degree from the Far-Eastern State University in Vladivostok, and earned a Paralegal Studies Certificate from the University of Washington. Consul Goncharova is a Washington State Court, and Immigration Court certified interpreter, and enjoys a successful business career as the owner of *Washington Translation Bureau*, a language service provider (LSP) based in Maple Valley, WA.

About Kyrgyzstan

Location: Central Asia, west of China, south of Kazakhstan

Size: 199,951 sq km

Population: 5,548,042 (July 2013 est.)

Major Industries: small machinery, textiles, food processing, cement, shoes, sawn logs, refrigerators, furniture, electric motors, gold, rare earth metals

A Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions, most of Kyrgyzstan was formally annexed to Russia in 1876. The Kyrgyz staged a major revolt against the Tsarist Empire in 1916 in which almost one-sixth of the Kyrgyz population was killed. Kyrgyzstan became a Soviet republic in 1936 and achieved independence in 1991 when the USSR dissolved.

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